

REMARKS

Claims 21-39 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

I. Preliminary Matter

Applicant has amended claim 22 for antecedent basis reasons in regard to the shot image and plurality of photographic areas.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view U.S. Patent No. 6,925,382 to Lahn (“Lahn”)

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Lahn.

A. Claim 21

Claim 21 recites, “wherein landmarks are extracted from said map of said geographic information system and said shot image respectively, and the corresponding landmarks are compared, whereby a parameter for use in computing a photographic area of the ground surface having been shot is compensated, and a shot image is displayed being superposed with high precision on said map of the geographic information system.”

The above feature was originally cited in claim 31. In the rejection of claim 31, the Examiner alleges that Lahn’s identification of potential objects of interest discloses the claimed features (pg. 3 of Office Action; col. 3, lines 40-65 and col. 4, lines 53-60 of Lahn). In Lahn, image data which includes sensor imagery, air vehicle location and sensor pointing angle, are communicated from an air vehicle to a ground control unit (col. 4, lines 52-65). The image data

is then preprocessed to remove unwanted clutter objects from view and to identify or highlight potential targets of interest for the operator and non-targets are eliminated (col. 3, lines 52-60; col. 5, lines 8-12). Applicant submits, however, that target highlighting fails to disclose the claimed comparison of landmarks extracted from a map of a geographic information system and a shot image, along with the claimed compensation of a parameter for computing the area of the shot ground surface. Accordingly, Lahn fails to teach or suggest this feature of claim 21.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that Lahn fails to disclose the features of claim 21.

B. Claim 22

Since claim 22 recites features that are analogous to the features discussed above for claim 21, Applicant submits that claim 22 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 21.

C. Claims 23-28

Applicant submits that claims 23-28 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency upon claim 21 or claim 22.

D. Claims 29 and 30

Since claims 29 and 30 recite features that are analogous to the features discussed above for claim 21, Applicant submits that claims 29 and 30 are patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 21. In particular, both of claims 29 and 30 recite the landmark comparison.

E. Claims 31-39

Applicant submits that claims 32-39 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency upon claim 30. In addition, since claim 31 has been incorporated into claim 30 (along with independent claims 21, 22 and 29), Applicant has canceled claim 31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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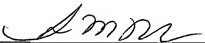
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